

REMARKS

Claims 30-51 and 59-65 were pending in the application. Applicants have amended claims 30, 36, 37, 45, 59, 60, and 65 and cancelled claims 31, 32, 61, 62, and 65 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action found that claims 32, 36, 37, 45-48, 63, and 64 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for this finding of allowability. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the independent claims 30, 59, and 65 to incorporate the subject matter of the allowable claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103

The Office Action rejected claims 30-51 and 59-65 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thompson, Henry S., “A Standards-Based XML Schema Implementation Comparison Framework” in view of Thompson, Henry S. “W3C XML Schema Test Collection” and further in view of “Microsoft Complex Type Test Results.”

Claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 31 and 32, therefore claim 30 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 31 and 32 have been cancelled, thus mooted their rejection.

Claims 33-51 depend from claim 30, therefore they are also allowable by virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim.

Claim 59 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 62 and 63; therefore claim 59 is now in condition for allowance.

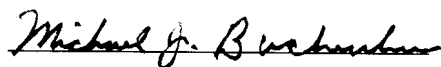
Claims 60 and 64 depend from claim 59; therefore they are also allowable by virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim.

Claims 61 - 63 have been cancelled, thus mooted their rejection.

Claim 65 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claims 31 and 32; therefore claim 65 is now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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